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J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab in Elba gets digester system through \$700,000 grant

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In separate announcements last week both Senator Richard Shelby and Representative Terry Everett announced that the grant for a \$700,000 state-of-the-art carcass disposal digester system to be used at the J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab in Elba had survived the budget compromise committee and was in line for passage later that day.

Following the official approval Shelby issued the following statement:

"This funding will allow Auburn University to purchase an Alkaline Digester Carcass Disposal System to be placed at the J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba, Alabama. The purchase of this system will allow Alabama to move into the forefront of agroterrorism prevention and response. Given the concerns that have been expressed about new animal dis-

eases, I felt it was important for Alabama to have such an important tool for the quick disposal of diseased animals so we may prevent a wide-spread outbreak and protect our agricultural producers and consumers."

At about the same time a news release from Everett's office said in part:

"Agriculture remains one of Alabama's major industries and continued investment in agribusiness projects is essential to maintain Alabama agriculture's competitiveness and profitability," Everett observed. "The 2003 federal agriculture programs continue to capitalize on Alabama's high tech resources, climate, and farm expertise."

"Elba, Alabama's J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Animal Laboratory is earmarked to receive a \$700,000 Alkaline Digester System. In cooperation with Auburn University, the Elba lab will be

able to safely and effectively dispose of diseased animal carcasses."

This disposal system will complement a completely new facility scheduled to be built directly behind the existing diagnostic lab, on land being donated by the Elba Industrial Development Board and the City of Elba. It is being funded with part of a bond issue approved several years ago by Alabama voters. Bids were opened for construction of the new building last fall, however all bids exceeded the allotted funds of approximately one million dollars. State Department of Agriculture officials sent the planners back to the drawing boards to "trim the fat".

Tuesday morning these state officials couldn't give an exact date for readvertising construction of the facility, explaining they were still trying to find more money and/or put the entire financial puzzle together.

City of Elba plans Sesquicentennial Celebration

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A committee has been formed, and Elba's planning a Sesquicentennial Celebration! But what exactly is a sesquicentennial celebration? Well, it will be a celebration commemorating the 150th anniversary of Elba's incorporation date...more appropriately named... "Celebrate Elba 150."

Many of the details are still being worked out for the celebration, but steering committee chairman Jimmy Harrison said two events are set in stone.

For those history buffs out there, April 13, 1853 may ring a bell as being a significant date for the City of Elba. That's because the history books say it was April 13, 1853 when Elba was incorporated.

With this in mind, the 150th celebration is set to begin April 13 with the Celebrate Elba 150 Kickoff. This will be a religious ceremony led by the Elba United Methodist Church (also 150 years old this year) and will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.

In August, things will get really exciting as "The Possum" will visit the county seat to provide a memorable concert. The legendary George Jones is set to entertain on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Elba's Miller Memorial stadium.

Harrison said advance tickets will be sold for this concert; however, he is not sure at this

time when the sales will begin. "We are talking about having other activities including a sesquicentennial ball," Harrison said. "The plan is to have these activities throughout the year."

Another possible event will include a play adapted to focus on significant events Elba has endured, and Harrison said all this will culminate with a weekend festival sometime in the fall.

Also, banners will be used throughout the city and will be available for purchase by the citizens.

"This event is meant to honor all the citizens of Elba, past and present," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "We just want the whole town to get involved."

Right now, the steering committee is working to establish corporate sponsors and looking for volunteers.

"We need a large, large number of volunteers," Harrison said. "And, we envision getting a lot of clubs involved with the events."

A celebration headquarters will soon be opened in the old Whitman's Drug Store building on the square in Elba, and a web site has already been established at the following address: <http://www.alaweb.com/~elba150>.

Anyone interested in keeping up with the plans for the celebration can visit the headquarters or the web site, and Harrison said

the committee will keep the public informed of future plans through The Elba Clipper.

This is truly a landmark time for the City of Elba, and we feel it is something that should be celebrated," Whitworth said. "After all, it's not that often someone gets the opportunity to celebrate a town's 150th anniversary."

Until the celebration headquarters office has been established, citizens are urged to call Jimmy Harrison at 897-8591 or 897-2055. Also, phone calls can be placed to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for additional information at 897-3125.

"On a side note: Other landmark events to be celebrated in 2003 include the 150th Annual Brunson Reunion and the 100th birthday of the Coffee County Courthouse building in Elba."

Coffee County BOE prepares to complete ZC ball field project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 6, and found the items on the agenda to be rather routine.

The first matter up for approval concerned the time in which the monthly meetings are held, and board members voted unanimously to change the meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

The board looked at the proposed school calendar for next year, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the proposal calls for the 2003-04 school year to begin on Friday, Aug. 1.



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Local law officials make several drug busts

Local law enforcement agencies recently have combined efforts to crack down on the manufacture of methamphetamine by raids on illegal labs.

"Through sharing information gained by each agency involved (Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, Elba Police Department, Enterprise Police Department and Covington County Sheriff's Department) officers were able to obtain search warrants or were attempting to serve previously obtained felony warrants when the labs were found."

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a book signing session Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon for author Laura Zerk. The book signing will feature Zerk's latest book, *The Golden Child Days*, which was released in October 2002.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brandon.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold graduation ceremonies for its G.A.R. (Drug Awareness and Resistance in Education) program Friday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. The guest speaker for the event will be Alabama State Trooper Johnny Stone.

THE ELBA LUNCH CLUB will hold its annual pancake breakfast Thursday, March 1, from 8-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Building.

STREET CLOSED...Martin Luther King Drive in Elba will be closed to traffic to allow work pertaining to the levee rehabilitation project. According to officials, the street will be closed approximately 4 to 6 weeks. During this time, workers will relocate lines and build up the levee to meet the specifications of the rehabilitation project. As shown, land clearing and road markings have been taken care of in preparation of the work.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

A TV ministry from Ft. Lauderdale, FL is raising money "to keep Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore out of jail." A spokesman for the chief justice noted, in response to news reporters, that they have no control over the group's fund raising efforts. Now we're not smart enough to know the ultimate outcome of the Ten Commandment debate, actually it is a debate over the legality of placing the Ten Commandment monument in the lobby of the Alabama Supreme Court building. We do believe that this TV preacher, D. James Kennedy, is using the issue in an unethical manner, thus degrading the legitimate appeals of all religions for financial support and Moore's belief in displaying his monument. While the Moore spokesman is probably correct in saying they have nothing to do with the appeal for money, we think he should speak out opposing that method of fund raising. To do otherwise is giving tacit endorsement to the effort. While this additional thought comes from another direction, we can't help but wonder exactly what percentage of the money raised with this appeal will actually make it back to Judge Moore's legal fund.

We find that it is sometimes good to read what is being written in out-of-state newspapers. Right now The Wall Street Journal is the subject of our new information. Had it not been for the Journal one day last week, we would not have known there was a tax-code revolt going on in Alabama. Not only is it ongoing as we write these words, but it was reportedly sparked by a University of Alabama law professor, Susan Pace Hamill, who titled her writings "An Argument for Tax Reform Based on Judeo-Christian Ethics." Adding to our surprise of being completely unaware of the "revolt" is the fact this lady is a Methodist, we are Methodist and read several Methodist publications regularly and have never before heard this bit of news. True, we hear suggestions for tax reform, etc., but "revolt" . . . not yet, at least not as we understand the definition of the word revolt.

Again federal officials are coming under fire for declaring an emergency in the fight against terrorism. The recent "orange alert" was called due to what they now are admitting is "partially" faulty evidence. That same thing happened the last time they upped the alert status. Of course, they can truthfully say "we told you so" if another terrorist disaster does happen, (sometimes bureaucrats call it "covering your rear end") but also continued false alarms can cause the average American to ignore future warnings - and they might be true someday. It is ironic, these alerts are to combat Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorists when bin Laden is winning simply by keeping us jumping every time we intercept a radio or telephone message with certain key words, as simple as "package". He is probably sitting in some secure hideaway and laughing at our panic reactions right now . . . and all without raising a finger, except to dial a cell phone.

The battle of words over the route of the I-10 connector road from the Dothan area to I-10 has subsided somewhat since the official position of Dothan officials is no longer the middle-of-town route. That downtown route sounded all the time kind of short sighted in face of the traffic problems they already can't solve with the Ross Clark Circle. They surely don't need to dump more cars into that area when the prediction for existing roads is bad congestion in the next few years. Anyway they now have a \$5 million planning grant from the feds to do the basic design for the road. Judging by some of the plans we have viewed (and problems with various routes) more than likely the proposed interstate connector will basically follow U.S. 231 from I-10 until it gets near Dothan and then take a westerly route around town. While that will cause some disruption, it is fewer disruptions than some other proposed routes and has less environmental impact than a route, say up through the Bonifay area, along Florida 79.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 10, 2003, through February 16, 2003. They included: Gregory Sowell Jr., Donnie Stinson Jr., Fannie Merle Berry, Colea Dean Carney, Mark Wicker, Cornelia McGhee, Michael LeGear, Ross Adkinson, Cheyenne Russell, Aaron Drewery, Felicia Thomas, James Morris Jr., Ronnie Siler, Tracey Hulgan, Marcus Fuller, Kevin Fuller, Anna Mae Daniels, Annita Emory, Trudie Jackson, Caitlen Powell, Mary Grigay, Nikita Anderson, Hailey Davis, James Byrd and Charles

Free Redbud trees available to Americans

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2003. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with

enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2003.

Consumers gain power over unwanted telemarketers

FROM THE HOUSE
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A collective sigh of relief was heard across America last week as the U.S. House and Senate overwhelmingly voted to authorize a national "Do-Not-Call" list to empower citizens against unwanted telemarketers. Once signed into law, a national Do-Not-Call list could be up and running by this summer.

It is one of the most familiar and annoying scenes in American homes. Just as you settle in for the family dinner, or prepare to watch your favorite television show, the phone rings. More often than not, it seems you are forced to inter-

rupt your personal time to be greeted by an unwanted telephone sales pitch.

Telemarketers have become part of our lives and in many cases are unwelcome guests in our homes. As the number of such annoying calls increases, people search for ways to combat the telephone intrusions. Some subscribe to "Caller ID" services from their phone company in hopes of screening out such calls. Others buy gadgets intended to fool telemarketers into thinking that they have reached a disconnected number. Still others have given up answering their phones all together, opting to let their home answering machines serve



as an electronic butler. The fact is Americans should not be forced to live in dread of their telephones. Americans must have viable options in restricting unwanted telephone solicitations.

Consumers are told, for example, that they can ask a telemarketer to remove their number from the company's calling list. This only works if the telemarketing call is "live" and such lists may not be permanent.

Heretofore, several attempts have been made by government and industry to assist consumers, but each has been limited. Do-Not-Call lists enacted by states and even the telemarketing industry vary in effectiveness. The result has been to confuse and frustrate the public.

Last year, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced its desire to implement a nationwide Do-Not-Call list, but needed the authority to fund it. So, Congress voted last week to pass the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act (HR 395) which authorizes the FTC to impose and collect user fees on telemarketers to cover the costs of maintaining the no-call list.

Under the rules of the new national Do-Not-Call list, telemarketers would be banned from calling consumers who register their phone

numbers with the FTC. Telemarketers would be required to check the Do-Not-Call list on at least a quarterly basis and would be charged a user fee for this list access. A telemarketer breaking the rules could face fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation.

While the FTC believes that a majority of telemarketer calls will be subject to the new Do-Not-Call list, calls from certain groups, including charities and political organizations, would be exempt due to state regulations. The legislation passed by Congress last week requires the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC), which has broader jurisdiction over telemarketing via telephone lines, to work with the FTC in an effort to further reduce the number of such calls.

The Bush Administration has voiced support for the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act and pledges to sign it into law. It's possible the new registry could be up and running as soon as this summer. Once the list is established, an FTC toll-free number and a web link will be set-up for consumers to register.

For more information about the FTC's national Do-Not-Call list, visit their web site at: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/condline/edcams/donotcall/index.htm>

State to start smallpox shots

The Alabama Department of Public Health received 10,000 doses of smallpox vaccine on Feb. 11 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Public health employees who are members of response teams are scheduled to begin receiving smallpox vaccinations as early as Feb. 18.

The department will begin vaccinating key members of the public health response teams so that regional teams can then move forward with scheduling vaccination clinics for members of health care response teams at hospitals throughout the state. Local area public health per-

sonnel are working with hospitals that wish to have voluntary vaccination of appropriate health care providers. The first phase of smallpox vaccination for health department and hospital personnel should take approximately 45 days.

Alabama's smallpox preparedness plans include the creation of vaccinated teams across the state. Should there be an actual case or cases of smallpox identified, these teams will be mobilized to vaccinate and follow up with persons exposed, and to care for those with smallpox.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, two for criminal mischief, one resisting arrest, two for assault, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, three for theft of property, one leaving the scene of an accident and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication, two for contempt, one for assault, one for criminal tampering, one for resisting arrest, three for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one for failure to appear, one for failure to pay, one for criminal trespassing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for violation of the seat belt law and one for violation of the child restraint law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to County Rd. 509 (5:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1831 County Rd. 418 (6:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 219 E. Davis St. (8:05 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported on West St. (9:45 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - River stage - 6.69 feet
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BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Tuesday 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, District Hangar at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
6 months - \$10
Outside Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11

DRUGS (Continued from Page One)

Marlene McGill, age 33, were arrested in Enterprise and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance first degree, unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance first degree, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a short barrel firearm. Russell McGill had an additional charge of receiving stolen property first degree.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, Willie Ray Elmore, age 52, and Deborah Gunter Elmore, age 39, were arrested in Opp and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance, possession of

marijuana second degree and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Assisting in the collection of evidence was the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. Hazardous materials clean-up crews from Pensacola, Fla. contracted through the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration were called to remove any hazardous materials found at the drug lab sites.

Anyone with information concerning drug labs in a community is asked to report this illegal activity to the local law enforcement agency. All information will be handled confidentially.



Coffee County producers were among more than 300 young farmers who attended the Alabama Farmers Federation's Young Farmers Leadership Conference Jan. 31 & Feb 1 in Birmingham. The conference is designed to foster leadership skills among young agricultural producers. During the conference, Outstanding Young Farm Families were recognized in 13 commodity divisions. Attending the conference from Coffee County were from left, BACK ROW, Brad Lee, Andy Lavender and Steven Bozeman; FRONT ROW, Christy Lee, Dixie Lavender and Tamberli Bozeman.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS AND EVERY SUNDAY



Lordy, Lordy
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CARD OF THANKS

REEVES FAMILY

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for all that was done for us when we lost our father and brother. Thank you for the calls, visits, food, flowers and especially your prayers. The support we received from so many was proof of the man he was. Please continue to pray for us as we face each day without him.

The Family of Foy Mace (Cap) Reeves
2/20-pd.

MARTIN FAMILY

We wish to thank all who knew Angie for the many expressions of love and support during her long struggle. So many of you included her on your prayer lists, sent cards, and spoke kind words of support, all of which were so uplifting to her. She loved you all, and was so happy for the many friendships she had in Elba. Our family is overwhelmed with your outpouring of love at her passing. We appreciate everyone who came to the visitation, and those who took time out from work to attend the funeral. Thank you all for the delicious food, beautiful flowers, memorials, kind words, and especially for your prayers at this difficult time.

HUGH MARTIN, TOM & BETTY DAVIS
2-20chg

NOTE OF THANKS

The Family of Pearl Hodge

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our wife and mother, Pearl Hodge. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and other acts of kindness were sincerely appreciated and will not be forgotten. God bless each of you and continue to keep us in your prayers.

Randle, Linda and Latisha Hodge

Obituaries

LOIS BOWDEN SAWYER

Mrs. Lois Bowden Sawyer, age 83, of New Brockton, Ala., died Feb. 13, 2003 in the Oakview Manor Health Care in Ozark after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 2003 from the First United Methodist Church in New Brockton with Rev. Ben McKee officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Will H. Sawyer, New Brockton, Ala.; one daughter, Suzanne Carden (Emmett L.), Fairhope, Ala.; one grandson, Wade Emmett Carden; nieces and nephews.

JAMES R. WARD

Mr. James R. Ward, age 61, of 512 County Road 436, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2003 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel beginning at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 with Rev. Fred Fowler officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta B. Ward, Elba; one son, John Ronald Ward, Elba; one

brother, James Harvey Ward, Punta Gorda, Fla.; four sisters, Mary Morgan, Corbin, Ky., Lucy Watson, Elba, Betty Long, Myakka City, Fla., Obeitia Bilotta, Elba; and three grandchildren.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home. For details Call 897-2225

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THANK YOU

Words can never express the comfort we felt from your prayers, phone calls, flowers, cards and food during the loss of our "precious little one."

It was such a comfort to know that our friends loved us and were hurting with us.

Please continue to pray for us as we close this chapter and move forward.

May God bless each of you is our prayer.

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Date:
Wednesday, February 26, 2003
Time:
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Presented by the Alabama Department of Public Health Abstinence Division and Co-sponsored by Edge Regional Medical Center and Charles Henderson Child Health Center.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Ms. Miriam McKnight was recently honored at a luncheon in Troy, Ala. celebrating her retirement from the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. Mike Griffin, Troy Division Engineer, is shown here presenting Miriam with a Certificate of Appreciation from ALDOT for her thirty four (34) years of dedicated service. Many friends and family members came to show their support for Miriam and to wish her well on her new endeavors.

Ms. Miriam McKnight honored with retirement luncheon

Ms. Miriam McKnight was recently honored at a luncheon in Troy, Alabama celebrating her retirement from the Alabama Department of Transportation. She began her career with the Department in November 1968 and retired in December 2002 with 34 years of dedicated service.

Miriam started as a Clerk Typist I in the Equipment Shop in Troy but only spent a couple of years there. She, then, transferred to a district office that was located in Elba and worked for the next 10 years. After some

internal restructuring, the Alabama Highway Department opened other district offices and the Elba office was ultimately changed to a project office. At this time, Miriam transferred to the Enterprise district office where she spent the next five years. In 1985, she transferred to the Division Maintenance Section and worked the remainder of her 34 years in Troy.

As Miriam's co-workers congratulated her on retirement, she was praised for being a hard worker, conscientious, and always willing and anxious to help folks get the job done. Miriam was a mainstay of the office because she was so knowledgeable about the overall activities of the Maintenance Section as well as many other aspects of ALDOT.

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ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-11
***Thinking of you, praying for you! The Daniels and Stoudenmire families, Ella M. Brooks, Leo Henderson, Lovie Hooks, Cathryn Carpenter, Verdie Barnes, Burl V. Jones, Rev. E. Magwood, Lillie M. Wade, Neoma Smith, Anna M. Daniels, Ethel Ellard, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. N.L. Robinson, Bettye Burks, Johnnie R. Belcher and Maggie Head.
***Annual Family and Friends Day and a "Black History Program" will be held at Le

Grand Community Church (124 Franklin Road in Montgomery, Ala.) on February 23, 2003 at 12:00 noon.
***Black History Program will be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact James Henderson - 347-0384; C.A. Hammond, Jr. - 347-8939; Ronnie Hammond - 897-6949; or Winzell Gray - 897-8411.
Today is a good day, be grateful!
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Revival and Gospel Singing planned at Vanderbilt Baptist Church

There will be a Revival at Vanderbilt Holiness Church beginning Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.
5:00 p.m. Sunday/7:00 p.m. nightly

Guest speaker will be Rev. Jerry Marshall from Mount Judea, Arkansas.
Everyone is invited to attend. Also, Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday.

Elba Church of God to have a Barbecue Saturday
The Elba Church of God is having a Barbecue this Saturday, February 22. Serving will start at 11:00 A.M.

You may pick up or we will deliver. For more information call 897-2989 or 897-1593.

All proceeds will go to the food bank and benevolence fund at the church.

How to Use Your Personal Computer

Course offered at LBW-MacArthur Campus

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. Class begins Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows 98/XP, Microsoft Word 2000, and e-mail.

The Windows 98/XP portion of the course will include: getting started with Windows 98/XP, working with programs, files, and folders; and main-



Community Revival planned at Zion Chapel Baptist Church
A Community Revival will be held March 9-14, 2003 at Zion Baptist Church, Evening 7:00.

Church is located on Coffee County Road 114, 1 mile past Wayne Farms - Southland. If you need any additional information call (334) 897-3778.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Ron Stallard Elba Church of God

God bless America

In a time such as this we think of many different things. War, peace, diplomacy, and prayer. Many churches across the nation are in one accord praying that war can be diverted. We all need to pray that Sadaam Hussein will some how be removed from his position in a peaceful way. If we have to send our military in, we need to pray that casualties will be low and victory will be quick. We have some of the smartest men and women in the world. We need to use their intelligence for the good of all. The Bible tells us we need good counsel.

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

I am disappointed in some of our allies who are backing away. The blood of our young men and women in WWII liberated these countries. Are we so far off on this issue these people can't see the danger in their division? I think not. The Bible again tells us how this can be destructive behavior by our friends.

Ecclesiastes 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good.

We all worry and are anxious about the possibility of war. We have faith in our military and our leaders. We all need to pull together and trust God. I am asking everyone who will, to take time to pray for our country. We must have faith in God.

Mountains can be moved if our faith is strong enough. That is why I am taking a stand and trusting the Lord. We all need to trust Him. We have powerful enemies who would turn on us in a moment. We must pray and trust God together.

Psalms 56: 2-3 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. What time I am afraid I will trust in thee.

Church Directory

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SPORTS

Views from...
THE PRESSBOX
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The long basketball season finally came to an end last week after four months of what seemed like nightly action, and I was hoping that just maybe the Mularz family could slow down and catch its breath. That was just wishful thinking, however, since Melissa has now started her softball season over at Enterprise State. Melanie is involved in both junior high softball practice and cheerleader try-outs, and Mom has decided to go back to college. Oh well, maybe we can visit when we pass each other in the hall!

SPORTING AROUND THE AREA...

*** The Elba Tigers wrapped up their high school basketball season last week with losses to Abbeville and Calhoun in post-season action. The losses left the Tigers with a final record of 10-12, which isn't really that bad when one stops and remembers that after the Christmas break Elba's record stood at 1-6 and it appeared that the Tigers were going nowhere, fast. Coach Bledsoe stuck with his beliefs and the players worked hard to improve, and by the end of the season the Tigers had a solid 3A team. Elba will return three starters from this team next season, and will also return three other players that saw considerable action almost nightly. The Tigers will be very young and could start one junior and four sophomores when they tip it off next season. However, those youngsters will have a full season of varsity experience and should be ready to start paying some folks back for the pains of the past.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers closed out their season last week with losses to Abbeville and Barbour County to end the season with a 13-10 record, and Coach Carney and his girls are to be commended for their hard work and fine play during the season. The Lady Tigers struggled through a variety of off-court incidents during the season that resulted in a line-up that changed every time they hit the court, but the girls never complained and never backed down from any team that they faced. Next season the Lady Tigers will return all five starters and should be a team to keep an eye on as the season rolls along. It never pays to look ahead, but it looks like it could be an exciting year.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs lost the area title on a last-second shot down in Cottonwood and then got blown out at Montgomery County to close out their season with a 14-15 record. Coach Glass and his troops got off to a slow start, and while all the Bulldogs fans were wondering what was wrong, they simply kept working and by the end of the season had a very good 1A club. The Bulldogs proved that hard work does indeed pay off, and made Kinston and winning basketball go hand in hand, once again. Good job.

*** The high school region basketball tournaments are underway at four sites across the state, and area fans should make plans to head up to Troy State and watch at least a day or two of action. The top local teams in all six classes in both boys and girls basketball will be competing, and it looks like a week filled with nothing but the best in high school basketball action. Hey, I might even see 'ya there.

*** The Alabama basketball team rose from the dead over the weekend to hand Auburn a solid defeat, and while the win won't do for Coach Mark Gottfried what it did for Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville, it will at least give Tide fans hopes that their team is back on track after a terrible three week slide. One game doesn't make a season, but Alabama did get a win in a must win situation, and maybe the players up in Tuscaloosa are ready to finish with a rush and make a run that will carry them into the NCAA tournament.

*** In closing, I had a couple of long time Elba Tiger football fans agree with me that the field at Tiger Stadium should be renamed "Mack Wood Field" in honor of Elba's all-time winningest football coach. Back when Coach Wood retired there was no retirement party to honor the Tiger coach, and I think it is past time for us to honor this man that put Elba Tiger football on the map.

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Third time no charm against Abbeville

Elba Tigers fall in area finals 81-61

The Elba Tigers battled the third-ranked Abbeville Yellow Jackets last Tuesday night in the championship game of the Class 3A Area 2 Basketball Tournament and hung close for three quarters before falling 81-61, at G.C. Wallace Community College.

The Tigers grabbed a quick 2-0 lead on a short jumper by Mason Guiley and led 4-3 after a driving lay-up by LaRay Williams, but then watched as Abbeville began to take command late in the quarter and closed the stanza with a 10-2 run to take a 20-11 lead.

The Yellow Jackets upped their lead to 27-13 early in the second quarter and it looked like the rout was on; however, the Tigers battled back behind the inside play of Marcus Henderson and the outside shooting of Kyle English, and when Mason Guiley nailed two free-throws with 3:42 remaining in the half Elba had chopped the Abbeville lead down to 29-24. The Tigers failed to add to their total for the remainder of the half as their shooting touch went cold, and at intermission Abbeville was back in command with a 36-24 lead.

The Yellow Jackets upped their lead to 40-24 early in the third quarter, but the Tigers once again refused to quit, and this time went on an 18-9 run to pull within 49-42 with 3:06 remaining in the stanza. Kyle English poured in 10 points, including six on two three-pointers, to lead the Elba rally, while LaRay Williams added six points and challenged the Jacket defense inside.

Abbeville scored the final four points of the stanza to carry a 55-44 lead into the fourth quarter, and then took charge for good as the Yellow Jackets opened the final stanza with a 12-2 run that gave the Jackets a 67-46 lead with 3:37 remaining on the clock. Elba never backed down and fought until the final horn, but was never able to cut into the Abbeville lead again and at the final horn was on the short end of an 81-61 score.

Kyle English scored 19 points

Elba Lady Tigers fall to Abbeville
Lady Jackets in area finals 53-40

The Elba Lady Tigers tangled with the highly-ranked Abbeville Lady Yellow Jackets Thursday night in the championship game of the Class 3A, Area 2 Basketball Tournament and saw a gallant effort fall short in a 53-40 defeat.

The Lady Tigers held their own against the state power throughout the opening half and trailed only 23-16 at intermission, then went on a 10-4 run early in the third quarter to pull within 27-26 with 4:11 remaining in the quarter. Abbeville held Elba to only one point the remainder of the stan-



Elba Tiger freshman Marchello Reed (22) leaps to keep a ball from going out of bounds during a recent Tiger game. Waiting for a possible pass is freshman LaRay Williams (30). Elba dropped two games last week to close out the season with a final record of 10-12.

to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 15 and LaRay Williams scored 11. Marez Sampson scored 15 points to lead Abbeville, while Bryan Durr and Leon Sewell both added 14.

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Aville (81): Crawford 2, Sewell 14, Sampson 15, Durr 14, Knight 11, Craddock 3, Jackson 11, Danzey 11.
Elba (61): English 19, Kelley 5, Guiley 6, Reed 5, Williams 11, Henderson 15.

Tigers end season with 85-63
loss to Calhoun in sub-region

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an end Friday night with an 85-63 loss to the Calhoun Tigers, in sub-region play at Calhoun. The Tigers (10-12) were led in scoring by Kyle English with

21 points, while Marcus Henderson added 14, Marchello Reed 11 and LaRay Williams 10. Calhoun (26-5) was led by Marcus Miles with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will hold its Region Basketball Tournaments this week at four sites across the state.

Following is a list of region games involving teams of local interest:

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
Mitchell Center, University of South Alabama
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Girls:
1:30 - Andalusia (18-9) vs. Demopolis (16-2)
Thursday, Feb. 20
1:30 - Georgiana (15-9) vs. R.C. Hatch (20-6)
Boys:
12:00 - Red Level (23-1) vs. R.C. Hatch (22-4)
3:30 - A.L. Johnson (17-1) vs. Pleasant Home (14-17)
Friday, Feb. 21
10:30 - Class 2A Boys Finals
3:40 - Class 4A Girls Finals

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Sargain Hall, Troy State University
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Girls:
3:30 - Slocumb (17-6) vs. Randolph County (10-10)
6:30 - Samson (27-2) vs. Ranburne (22-6)
Boys:
5:00 - G.W. Long (25-6) vs. Calera (28-3)
8:00 - Wicksburg (25-2) vs. Vincent (12-15)
Thursday, Feb. 20
9:00 - Ashford (14-5) vs. Beauregard (14-15)
12:00 - Daleville (18-4) vs. St. James (19-7)
3:30 - Barbour County (23-4) vs. Montgomery Academy (15-11)
6:30 - Abbeville (21-3) vs. Alabama Christian (26-1)
Boys:
10:30 - Ashford (22-5) vs. Beauregard (22-7)
1:30 - Daleville (13-12) vs. Central Coosa (22-3)
5:00 - Calhoun (26-5) vs. Lanett (15-9)
8:00 - Abbeville (27-3) vs. LaFayette (20-6)
Friday, Feb. 21
12:30 - Class 2A Girls Finals
2:15 - Class 2A Boys Finals
Saturday, Feb. 22
12:30 - Class 3A Girls Finals
2:15 - Class 3A Boys Finals

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end Thursday night with a 75-52 loss to the Barbour County Lady Jaguars, in a sub-region contest at Clayton.

Ayonna Proctor scored 19 points to lead Elba (13-10), while Reba Ross scored 21 points to lead Barbour County (26-3).

Kinston ousted
with 78-35 loss

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their late-season surge end one game too early as the Bulldogs fell to the Montgomery County Eagles 78-35 in the sub-region finals, Friday night at Ramey. Mike Green scored 21 points to lead five Eagles in double figures, while Kinston ended the season with a 14-15 record.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, James Gray Jr. dba - Grays Grocery, have made application to the City of Elba for a **050-Retail Beer** off premises consumption at this location, **1425 Martin Luther King Drive**, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at **5:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003.**

SPORTS

For boys and girls ages 4-18

Registration to begin Feb. 24 for
youth baseball and softball in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will begin registration for youth baseball and youth softball on Monday, Feb. 24 and continue it through Friday, March 7, 2003. Teams will be chosen in all age divisions during the week of March 10, with the seasons set to begin on Monday, April 7.

"Once again this year both the baseball and softball leagues will be franchised with Dixie," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and the Elba leagues will send six baseball and four softball teams to all star tournaments at the end of the season. In Dixie Minor (ages 9-10) and Dixie Youth (ages 11-12) Baseball, the teams will compete in the Elba league and will also play teams from Kinston, Samson, New Brockton and Zion Chapel, while in Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), the Elba teams will also compete against New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne and Brantley during the regular season. In Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors (17-18), we will field one team in each age group and it will compete against teams in the area."

"Over on softball, "added Mularz, "we will have teams associated with Dixie Softball for girls ages 9-10 (Dixie Angels), Dixie Ponytails (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles (ages 13-15) and Dixie Debs (ages 16-18). The Angels and Ponytails will compete in the Elba league and also play against teams from New Brockton and Zion Chapel, while in the Belles the teams from Elba will also compete against teams from New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Brantley, Highland Home, Opp and Andalusia. The Debs will have one team and it will play a schedule against teams from all across the area. All the softball leagues made the switch to fast pitch last summer, and will remain in fast pitch this year."

"We will also have baseball and softball leagues for boys and girls ages 4-8," said Mularz, "and for those children we offer tee-ball and coach-pitch. Those are usually our biggest league, and we try to insure the young-

sters have fun while learning the basics of the sport."

Registration is \$20 per person for all leagues, with a maximum registration fee of \$50 for a family with more than two children taking part. Anyone living in public housing should check with HUD to see if that organization will pay registration costs.

Following is a brief description of the leagues offered by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation this spring and summer:

BASEBALL

*** Tee Ball - Tee ball is offered for boys ages 4-6, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. All players will hit a safety baseball off a tee and all players will have no time limit and all games will consist of seven innings. The season will start after the high school baseball season has ended.

*** Coach Pitch - Coach Pitch is offered for boys ages 6-8, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. All players will hit safety baseballs pitched by that teams coach, and all players will play in the field and bat in all innings. Two coaches are allowed on the field to provide instruction. All games will last a minimum of three innings, or be limited to one hour and fifteen minutes.

*** Dixie Minor - Dixie Minor is offered for boys ages 9-10, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Youth - Dixie Youth is offered to boys ages 11-12, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Pre-Majors - Dixie Pre-Majors is offered to boys ages 13-14, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Majors - Dixie Majors is offered to boys ages 15-16, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Angels - Dixie Angels is offered to girls ages 9-10, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Belles - Dixie Belles is offered to girls ages 13-15, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

*** Dixie Debs - Dixie Debs is offered to girls ages 16-18, with a players age being determined by their age on or before August 1, 2003. Games are played on a regulation Dixie baseball field and players pitch to all batters. Only nine players play while on defense, while all players are in the batting line-up. Games have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

Youth basketball action stays busy as end of season nears

The Elba Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Basketball League continued its season last week with action in all seven divisions.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

*** Elba 53 Troy 30 - Elba pulled ahead early and never looked back last week to defeat Troy 53-30, in Boys 14 and Under action. Elba pulled out to a 20-9 halftime lead and then poured in 33 second half points to pull away and claim the win. Scoring for Elba were Chase Graham 15, Juan Starks 14, Antwon Tillis 11, Jordan Flowers 11 and Dustin Rhoades 2. Scoring for Troy were Lucas 12, Lee 7, Stringer 6 and DuBoise 5.

*** Nets 32 Heat 26 - The Nets pulled away in the final stanza to defeat the Heat 32-26, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Heat owned a slim 22-21 lead after three quarters, but the Nets rallied in the fourth quarter

to pull out the exciting win. Scoring for the Nets were Kareem Silar 20, Chance Goosby 7, Jantzen Flowers 4 and Deata Rogers 1. Scoring for the Heat were Stephen Bryant 12, Kevin Allen 8, Alonzo Rodgers 5 and Josh Johnson 1.

*** Magic 44 Lakers 42 - The Magic outscored the Lakers 9-7 in overtime to claim an exciting 44-42 win, in Boys 12 and Under action. The Magic rallied from a 22-20 third quarter deficit to force the game into overtime at 35-35, and then pulled out the win in the extra period. Scoring for the Magic were Gavin Yelverton 6 and Adora Goosby 2. Scoring for the Lakers were Megan Concannon 2 and TyTiana Carpenter 1.

*** Stazz 19 Mercury 15 - The Stazz pulled ahead early and held on late to escape with a 19-15 win over the Mercury, in

while all players are in the batting line-up. Games will have a one hour and thirty minute time limit, or consist of six innings.

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Spotlight on the....
OUTDOORS

Garrett Dunn, the son of Troy and Jill Dunn, killed this 4-point buck on Jan. 12, while hunting near Elba. The deer weighed 90 pounds.



Ashton Davis, of Elba, caught this 7-pound bass on a recent fishing trip with his Dad, Mark Davis. The fishermen reported that most female bass are full of eggs and in smaller ponds seem to be moving into the warming shallow water in the late afternoons in preparation for bedding.

**Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben**
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Quail guns have changed along with the hunting methods

I was 11 years old when I bagged my first quail with a single shot 20 gauges with a full choke. Not exactly the perfect quail gun, but if I held fire until they flew about 30 yards I could connect occasionally. This same scenario was played out by thousands of farm boys across the South until roughly the early 1980s. That's when the quail population started taking a plunge in my area.

During the heyday of quail hunting the type shotgun you carried was often a badge of your social status. Those lucky enough to be "born of means" pursued the gentlemen's bird with expensive double barrels. Guns made by Parker, L.C. Smith, Fox and expensive imports sporting engraved receivers and high grade walnut stocks were a status symbol. Hunters rode on mule drawn hunting wagons and were dressed more like they were going to church rather than hunting.

Quail hunters of more modest means bagged their birds too, but by less extravagant methods. Prior to WWII the average quail hunter walked behind his self-trained bird dog, usually wearing overalls and carrying a single shot or inexpensive double gun.

Men returning home from the war had been introduced to the M1 and a variety of other automatic and semi-automatic firearms. The transition from doubles to autoloading and pump shotgun was sweeping the nation. Remington, Winchester, and Browning could hardly keep up with the demand. They even make high-grade autos and pumps with engraving and select walnut to attract some of the wealthier hunters away from their double guns.

As the quail population plunged, mostly from changing farming practices, many stopped wild quail hunting altogether. Hunters began growing or purchasing pen-raised light conditioned quail to put out and hunt. Many seasoned bird hunters scoffed at this method for years. Today, hunting released birds is becoming so popular the commercial pressers are enjoying a booming business.

Now the average Joe can afford to hunt quail much in the same manner as the old gentlemen hunters enjoyed. The guns have changed to some degree, with a move back to stylish double barrels and over and unders in 20 and 28 gauge. Light weight, shorter barreled pumps and autos in 20 and 28 gauge fill the void for hunter who just have to have that third shot.

Since the released birds let you get a bit closer before they flush, a more open choke is called for. Yesteryears hunters usually opted for improved cylinder or even modified if the gun had to double as a hawk killer and squirrel gun. More open chokes, such as cylinder bore, and skeet are more popular today as the shot pattern opens faster for the closer flushing birds.

If you haven't tried today's quail hunting, book a hunt, or get a dog and buy some birds. If for no other reason, it's a good excuse to buy a new shotgun.

Bring by your pictures or other items of outdoor interest to
The Elba Clipper

SCHOOLS

Kyle English named to Holiday Prep Classic All Tournament team

by Ayonna Procter

The Dothan Holiday Prep Classic Tournament was held Dec. 26 through Dec. 31.

The Elba Varsity Boys' basketball squad played Barbour County in the first round. It was a hard fought game on Elba's part, but Barbour County prevailed in the end.

The Elba Tigers, or at least one Elba Tiger, didn't walk away empty handed. Senior Kyle English was named to the Prep Classic All Tournament Team. He was one of sixteen players to be selected.

Kyle had an outstanding game in the tournament with 25



Kyle English
points, eight assists, six rebounds and five steals.

Character Trait

by Alex Benbow

Confuse your enemies: The best way to confuse your enemies is to love them.

We have a natural tendency to love people who love us and hate those who hate us. That may be the way we feel like doing things, but that's not the way we're supposed to respond. We want to get even, settle the score, and stand up for our rights when we've been wronged. We think we deserve the right to retaliate.

Imagine how you will confuse and confound your enemy when you respond with love and kindness. That type of response may change the heart of your enemy. It will certainly change yours.



Nation joins together to celebrate President's Day

Submitted by Brittany Cooper

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays.



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Elba High brings back FFA Quartet

by Katie Driggers

The FFA has had something to sing about lately. Mr. Davis recently brought back the FFA Quartet after several years.

The quartet was started in 1990 and lasted until 1994. It consists of four people who sing different parts. They are Jonathan Lockett - tenor, Samantha Williams - soprano, Judson Vaughn - baritone, and Kaleb Dyess - bass.

The group practices twice a week with the help of Ms.

Melinda Vaughn and Ms. Freda Bradshaw.

The quartet will compete on February 28 in New Brockton for the county title and then they will move on to district in Andalusia at L.B.W. They will then travel to state competition on June 3, 4, and 5 at the Montgomery Civic Center. The goal of the FFA Quartet this year is to do their best.

We are very proud to have this group back at Elba High School. Best of luck to you all this year!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill

The new star of the spotlight is 18-year-old senior, Brandon Behrens. His parents are Paul and Joyce Behrens.

Brandon is employed at National Security and is involved in VICA. He enjoys racing, which is his favorite sport to watch. Like every young teen, Brandon has certain things he enjoys, such as his favorite movie - "Dazed and Confused", favorite song - "Simple Man", favorite TV show - Horsepower TV, and favorite singer - Lynard Skynard.

Congratulations to Brandon



Brandon Behrens

Behrens for being hard working and much success in the future!!

Just Chillin'...by Blake Brunson

It was Saturday night, February the 8th. All band members came, they all brought a date.

When the girls arrived, rather by a car or excursion. All the guys turned their heads, to check out the diversion. Black seemed to be the color this year.

But everyone looked great, that much was clear. The luncheon was unrecognizable, drenched in silver, blue, & white. The band parents worked really hard to make it a beautiful night.

The clock struck twelve; the night was over too soon. Everyone went home and slept till noon. The DJ was good and the dance was fun.

I think this Band Dance will be a very memorable one.

Students participate in Homerun

by Meredith English

On Saturday, February 8, at 12:45 p.m., the Homerun Derby was in action again. The Derby is an annual and is sponsored by Post 12 Baseball Team. This has been going on since 1993.

This year 35 teams participated. Each team can choose two players to represent their team. Each player, from each team, has a chance to hit up to ten homeruns in a "round." Each "round" lasted for about an hour. The Homerun Derby provides a chance for the teams to "showcase their batting skills," as Brandon Petty said.

This year Jason Curran and Brandon Petty were chosen by

Coach Wynn Grimes to participate in the Homerun Derby. Each was "able to speak with some of the players and coaches (they) will be facing during the season." This was a good learning experience for both the players and coaches," stated one of the two players.

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Employees saw their shadows

For the sixth consecutive year, the Tech Program at the McCurtain campus of H.B.W. Community College sponsored the Groundhog Day Shadowing Program. On Friday, Jan. 31, high school students from Elba, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Enterprise, Andalusia and other area high schools visited businesses and industries to "shadow" or observe an employee at work.

Throughout the day, Elba, Enterprise, Luverne, Andalusia and other area communities, students spent the day shadowing veterinarians, lawyers, nurses and employees from many other professions in order to experience the working world firsthand. High school event coordinators arranged these successful career visits. Donna Stokes Tech Prep Specialist said, "I appreciate their dedication to the shadowing program and the assistance they received from Kaye Whitworth, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Kathleen Sauer, President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce." Event coordinators included Donald Lawford of Elba High School, Patricia Davis, R.N. of Luverne High School, Catherine Pittman of Highland Home High School, Kathy Bynum of Enterprise High School, Lorena Bryant of Florida High School, Emma Locke of Andalusia High School, Evelyn Watson of Troy, Pike Center for Technology, and Cara Knight of Zion Chapel High School.

The Groundhog Day Shadowing Program gives high school students an opportunity to meet employees in a career field that interest them and learn more about the education and skills required," said Stokes. "I also appreciate all of the schools and businesses that welcomed area students for the day. Some Elba High School Students met their work hosts during a breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 30. This was a special treat for the participants." Sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the breakfast was held at the First Baptist Church in Elba and hosted by Kaye Whitworth, executive director, and Lisa Hanchey, assistant director, of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The shadowing program continues to grow as other high schools decide to participate in the career event.

Submitted by Erin Shaw
Coach Archie's fifth grade class had 4-H February 14, 2003. Mrs. Hughes showed us how to make a scrapbook. We also played a game by trying to make as many words as possible from the words "Happy Valentine's Day".

SCHOOL NEWS

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys Basketball team was runner up in IA Area 3 basketball tournament. First round was an opening win over Houston County 59-47. Jeremy Driver and Lee Whigham each had 18 points while J.T. Wiggins had 15 points. With the win Kinston won 9 of the last 10 games. Area finals were Cortowood 55, Kinston 54. J.T. Wiggins had 24 points and Lee Whigham had 11. The boys will travel to Ramer to play in the Sub-regional game against Montgomery County to determine who will advance to the Regional tournament at Troy State.



Kinston Schools BULLDOG NEWS

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Coffee County Schools Menu Feb. 24 - 28, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Steak Nuggets, Fish Sandwich, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk
Tuesday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Hotdog, Broccoli, French Fries, Peanut Butter Bar, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage Patty, Gravy, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza, Chicken Sandwich, Green Salad, Fried Squash, Fruit, Graham, Cracker Snack, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hamburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Rice, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Pancake Pups, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Cornedog, Burrito, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Fruit, Milk

4-H News

Submitted by Alyse Roberts

Mrs. Hornsby's fourth grade class had a 4-H meeting. For the meeting students were given the opportunity to participate in a cookie contest. Many people in Mrs. Hornsby's class participated. First place winners were Trey Harrison, Justin Ward, Hunter Boswell, Brandon Mock, and Jahna Pierce. Second place winners were Harli Simmons, Alyse Roberts, Trent Archie, Andrew Coleman, and Daniel Williams. Third place winners were Elizabeth Harrison, Allison Bess, Gunter Davis, Derrian Driggers, and Marah Wilson.

Submitted by Bethany Hawthorne

In December, Mrs. Smith Class had a 4-H cookie contest. First place winners were Ashley Snell and Hunter Parker. Second place winners were Ariel Marlowe and Bethany Hawthorne. Michel Edwards received third place.

Submitted by Lane Taylor

4-H is a good program. On February 13, 2003, Kinston sixth grade had a meeting. Mrs. Hughes gave us a ribbon for wood working exhibit. We also played 4-H trivia which is when you match an event to its meaning - such as 4-H camp = lots of fun. Mrs. Hughes encouraged us to go to 4-H camp because you get to shoot bows and eat lots of food. We also talked about the county fashion show where we can make our own clothes.

Submitted by Caleb Norris

On February 14, 2003, Mrs. Noble's Class had a 4-H meeting. It was held in Mrs. Moody's room. Our program of the day was 4-H trivia. Team three won all 3 rounds. Then, we saw how many words were made from the word valentine's day. Wesley Hunko made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Calina Norris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Abby Williams

Mrs. Glass's class had 4-H on February 14, 2003. We played 2 games. One was where we had a real big board and we had letters on one side and numbers on the other. We had to choose a letter and number to try and get a match. The second game was to see how many words could be made from the word "Happy Valentine's Day". Abby Williams acted as secretary and reader. Amber Smith acted as President and Vice-President. Song leaders Whitney Hercus and Jake Hataway were also present.

Submitted by Erin Shaw

Coach Archie's fifth grade class had 4-H February 14, 2003. Mrs. Hughes showed us how to make a scrapbook. We also played a game by trying to make as many words as possible from the words "Happy Valentine's Day".

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Mrs. Presley's third grade class at Kinston Elementary designed and drew monuments and memorials during a social studies unit on the founding of our country's government. These memorials and monuments were dedicated to grandparents, parents, friends, heroes, helpers, teachers, and nurses. They all enjoyed looking at each other's designs and hearing their classmates tell about the monuments they had created.

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	ELBA	HOME	4:30	J.V.V
FEB. 25	NEW BROCKTON	AWAY	4:30	J.V. V
FEB. 27	BRANTLEY	AWAY	4:30	J.V. V
MAR. 6	FLORALA	HOME	4:30	J.V. V
MAR. 7-8	ANDALUSIA TOURN.	AWAY	TBA	V
MAR. 10	SAMSON	HOME	4:30	JV (DH)
MAR. 11	ZION CHAPEL	AWAY	4:30	J.V. V
MAR. 13	NEW BROCKTON	HOME	4:30	J.V. V
MAR. 15	ARITON TOURN.	AWAY	9:00	V
MAR. 17	BRANTLEY	HOME	4:00	J.V. V
MAR. 20	GENEVA COUNTY	HOME	4:30	V
APR. 1	SAMSON	AWAY	4:30	V (DH)
APR. 3	PLEASANT HOME	HOME	4:30	J.V. V
APR. 7	ARITON	HOME	4:30	V
APR. 8	GENEVA COUNTY	AWAY	4:30	V
APR. 12	PLEASANT H. TOURN.	TBA	TBA	V
APR. 14	ELBA	AWAY	4:30	J.V. V
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APR. 21	OPP	HOME	4:30	J.V. V
APR. 22	PLEASANT HOME	AWAY	4:30	V
APR. 25	ARITON	AWAY	4:30	V
APR. 29	ZION CHAPEL	HOME	4:30	J.V.V
MAY 1	OPP	AWAY	4:30	V
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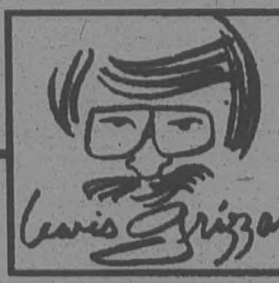
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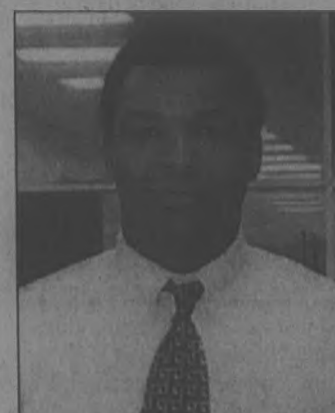
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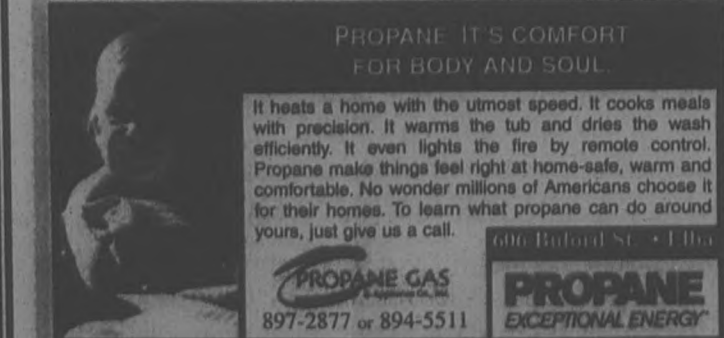
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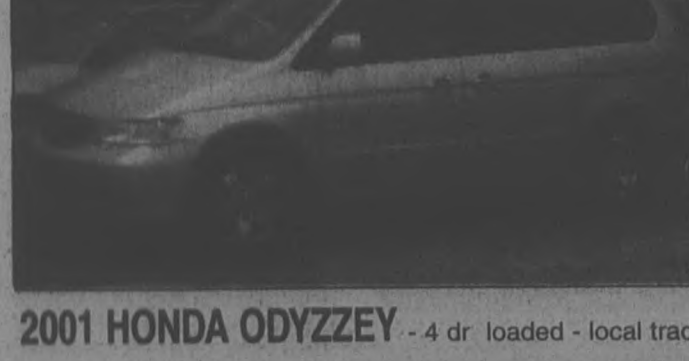
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Elba Police investigate series of car burglaries

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A series of vehicle burglaries last Friday evening, Feb. 21, left the Elba Police Department this week searching for a suspect and urging residents to take every precaution to avoid this type crime.

Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said his department was notified of a series of vehicle burglaries last Friday evening in the Elba High School parking lot. Upon arrival

at the scene, he said the officers found six vehicles that had been burglarized as the owners attended a Coffee County Arts Alliance production inside the school.

Whitworth said a window had been broken on each vehicle and personal property was taken including money.

The one thing Whitworth said each vehicle had in common was that the valuable items were left in view.

He said some personal items, were recovered in the parking lot and around the school area, and it appeared the thief was mainly after money.

One other vehicle burglary was reported Friday evening in the Woodville community of northern Coffee County as several people were attending an auction.

Whitworth said vehicle owners should do everything they can to avoid being the victim of a motor vehicle burglary. A few suggestions include being sure to lock the doors when the vehicle is unoccupied and make sure all valuables are completely out of view. However, he said the best thing to do to avoid a burglary is to not leave valuables in the vehicle when it is unoccupied.

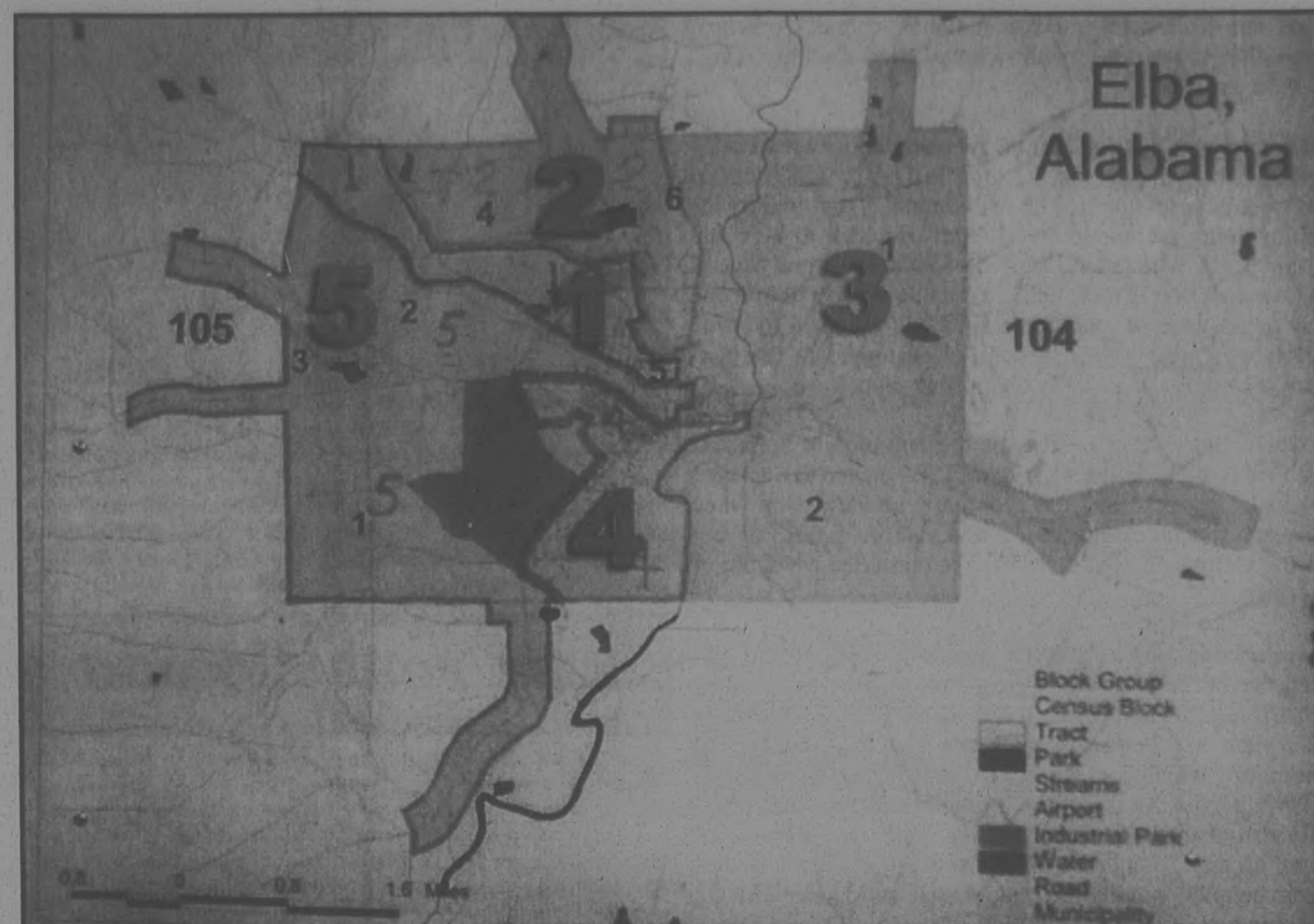
The Elba Police Department is continuing its investigation into Friday night's burglaries, and anyone with information pertaining to this matter is asked to call the department at 897-2555.

NOTICE

The Water Dept. of the town of New Brockton has announced that water in the town will be turned off in some areas Feb. 24 - 28, in order to reconnect water lines to accommodate the Highway 84 Bypass. New lines have already been installed.

When possible, a day's notice will be given to areas that will be affected, and the off-time is not expected to be long.

Anyone having questions may call the New Brockton Water Dept. at 894-5550.



ELBA VOTER REDISTRICTING will be the subject of a public hearing to be held at City Hall on March 4th. The above map represents a redistricting plan designed by Horseshoe H Consulting, of Troy. The firm contracted with the City of Elba to redraw the district lines to properly reflect five even districts, following the 2000 federal census. The most noticeable changes in district lines are between District 5 and 1 and the moving of the Western District 3 boundary from the natural flow of Pea River and Whitewater Creek to Highway 87 North (Troy Highway). With an official population of 4,185, an ideal voting district in Elba is 837. The existing districts vary in population from 700 to 1029. Registered voter population varies from 724 to 792. Under the proposed new plan the districts will vary in population from 812 (District 3) to 849 in District 2. Voting population will vary from 605 in District 3 to 624 in District 5. The new proposal gives District 1 a minority population of 61.9%, which is as near as possible to a desirable 65% minority population suggested in the national Voting Rights Act while maintaining as near as possible the voting districts originally established and approved by the federal government, according to the plan writers.

There are several numbers displayed on the above redistricting map, however the large red numbers designate the five Elba voting districts.

Motorists urged to use caution during rainy weather



Slippery roads played a contributing factor in this Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, accident on U.S. Hwy. 84 E. in the Shiloh community. According to reports, the Oldsmobile was stopped for a local school bus when the Honda clipped it from behind. The Honda then slid off the roadway and into the trees at the right. Coffee County EMS transferred only the driver of the Oldsmobile to Elba General Hospital where he stayed overnight and was released. Fortunately, the air bags deployed on the Honda which prevented serious injury when the car experienced a front impact. Responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Bids opened for Solid Waste Collection contract

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Feb. 24, seemed to follow suit with the old saying, "Blink and you'll miss it," as commissioners zoomed through the agenda and adjourned within 20 minutes.

The majority of the discussion revolved around the county's solid waste collection as commissioners opened bids from five separate companies. However, only three of the companies actually submitted a bid for the contract. The other two companies offered a no bid.

During the previous meeting of the commission, it was decided to look at two different options regarding the collection process. Option 1A would let the contracted company pick up the solid waste in Coffee County and also be responsible for the billing process and collection of money from the county residents for the service. Option 2B would let the contracted company

pick up the solid waste with the county paying an agreed upon service fee, and then the county would be responsible for the billing process and collecting its money from the residents (this is the current procedure method).

Monday morning, bids were submitted from Mark Dunning Industries (MDI), Arrow Disposal Services and Barry Moore Industries.

MDI submitted a no bid for Option 1A, and a cost of \$52,225 for Option 2B. Arrow Disposal Services submitted a cost of \$13,700 for Option 1A and a cost of \$66,000 for Option 2B. Barry Moore Industries submitted a bid of \$14,133 for Option 1A and a cost of \$59,076 for Option 2B.

Upon the recommendation of county engineer Randy Tindell, commissioners opted to table this issue until the next meeting. Commission chairman Robert Stephens said this would allow commissioners time to study the submitted bids and discuss all

options before awarding the bid. According to the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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During Elba City Council meeting

Three more businesses get alcohol license approval

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members were in and out again Monday night with items of business including board appointments and approval of alcohol licenses.

Retail sale of Beer and Wine was approved for both Big Little Stores in Elba and for Elba Marketplace. All were approved without debate or public protest, as were those approved at the last council meeting.

Eddie Kelley was appointed to another six year term on the Industrial Development Board. He is presently serving as chairman of that board.

Mike McGuire was appointed to a six year term on the

Elba Planning & Zoning Board. He replaces W. H. Scarborough who asked not to be reappointed to another term.

Mayor James Grimes asked for a council member to volunteer as the voting delegate at the April annual League of Municipalities convention. No member indicated plans to attend the meeting.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that the back up electric generator at the police department has been installed and is working properly.

The Chief also updated council members on the seven auto-

mobile break-ins at the high school last Friday night.

Grimes updated council members on the financial status of the city's general fund. He noted a large portion of the overrun in expenses was due to the annual USDA payment on the sewer loan.

Retired city employees will no longer be able to remain on the state employee insurance program as of March 1st. A minimum requirement of three retirees and at least 5% of the total must participate for the insurance to remain in force. Elba's retiree participation does not come up to these numbers.

NOTICE

Due to the levee rehabilitation project, Caroline Street in Elba will be closed at the levee beginning Thursday, March 6. This road will remain closed for approximately nine weeks.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE is scheduled to meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency's conference room located in the county commission complex in New Brockton, Ala. All interested county residents are invited to attend. For more information call 894-5415.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold graduation ceremonies for its D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance in Education) program Friday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. The guest speaker for the event will be Alabama State Trooper Johnny Sene.

THE ELBA LUNEA CLUB will hold its annual open house breakfast Saturday, March 1, from 9-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Building.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the boys locker room at Elba High School.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY...The Mulberry District Baptist Association held a Black History program Saturday evening, Feb. 22, with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., pastor of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, as the guest speaker. The program was held at Rocky Head Baptist Church in Elba and included remarks from several local pastors and special choir music. Despite the gloomy week-end weather, a huge crowd of citizens gathered to celebrate this special occasion. Black History Month is celebrated every February and is dedicated to remembering those who helped develop the paths taken yesterday and today.